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Re: Application of: John N. STANIFORTH, et al.
Serial No.: 10/015,538
Examiner: BENNETT, Rachel M.
Group No.: 1615
Filed: December 13, 2001
For: **A PROCESS FOR PREPARING A DIRECTLY
COMPRESSIBLE SOLID DOSAGE FORM
CONTAINING MICROCRYSTALLINE
CELLULOSE**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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November 26, 2003

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references cited are enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R § 1.98 (d), copies of the references cited on pages 1-4 of the attached Form PTO-1449 are not enclosed herewith because these references have been previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 08/868,745, filed June 4, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,395,303).

Moreover, pursuant to 37 C.F.R § 1.98 (a) (2) (iii), a copy of the specification, pending claims and drawings for related Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0099702, published May 29, 2003 and Published U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0131957, published July 17, 2003, which are commonly assigned, are also enclosed. These pending applications are listed on page 5 of Form PTO-1449 as references EA-EB.

It should be noted that WO 9203126, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,322,698. U.S. Patent No. 5, 322,698 (reference CH) and WO 9203126 (reference DL) are listed on the Form PTO 1449 and copies of each are attached thereto.

It should also be noted that DE 4303846 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,560,926. Both DE 4303846 (reference DR) and U.S. Patent No.5,560,926 (reference DE) are listed on the Form PTO 1449 and copies of each are attached thereto.

Applicants also respectfully advise the Examiner of the following related U.S. patents and applications which are commonly assigned:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/981,319, filed October 16, 2001; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/754,760, filed January 4, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,358,533 B2); U.S. Patent Application No. 09/438,646, filed November 12, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,217,909); U.S. Patent Application No. 08/992,073, filed December 17, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,219); U.S. Patent Application No. 08/724,613, filed September 30, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,884); and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/370,576, January 9, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No.

5,585,115). It is noted that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,358,533; 6,217,909 and 6,103,219 are listed on page 5 of Form PTO 1449 as references EF-EH, respectively and copies of the specification and claims are enclosed herewith. It is further noted that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,725,884 and 5,585,115 are listed on page 4 of Form PTO 1449 as references DA and DC, respectively. As mentioned above, copies of these patents are not enclosed herewith because these patents were previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 08/868,745, filed June 4, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,395,303).

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/037,841, filed March 10, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,106,865); U.S. Patent Application No. 008/660,553, filed June 10, 1996 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,166); and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/486,183, filed June 7, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,883). It is noted that U.S. Patent Nos. 6,106,865 and 5,866,166 are listed on page 5 of Form PTO 1449 as references EI and EJ, respectively and copies of the specification and claims are enclosed herewith. It is further noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,725,883 is listed on page 4 of Form PTO 1449 as references DF. As mentioned above, a copy of this patent is not enclosed herewith because this patent was previously submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in parent U.S. Patent Application No. 08/868,745, filed June 4, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,395,303).

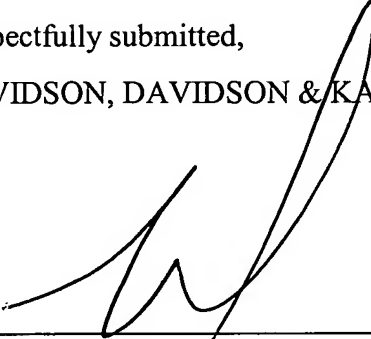
It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, a check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed for the RCE fee. It is believed that no additional fees are due at this time. However, if any additional fees are determined to be due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge said additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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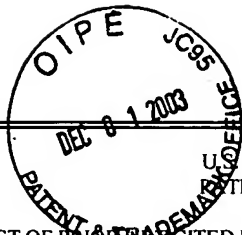
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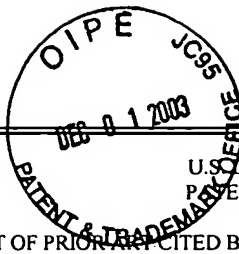
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